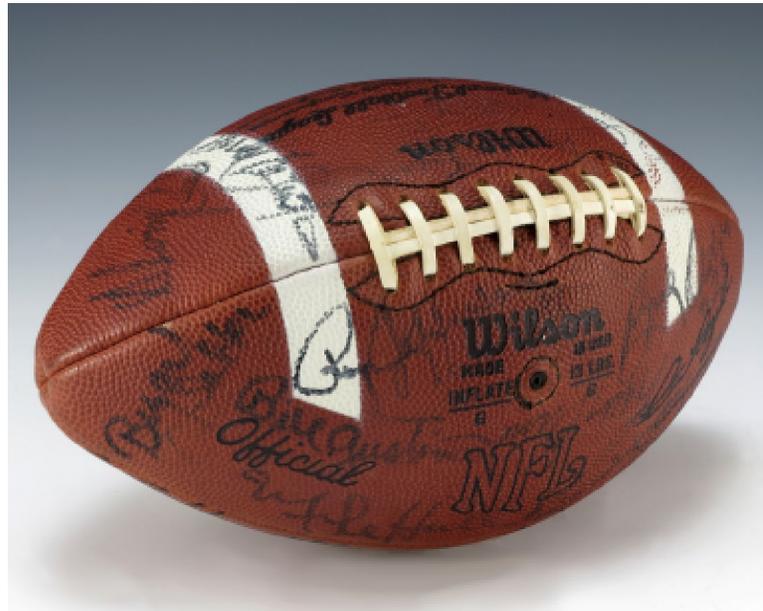


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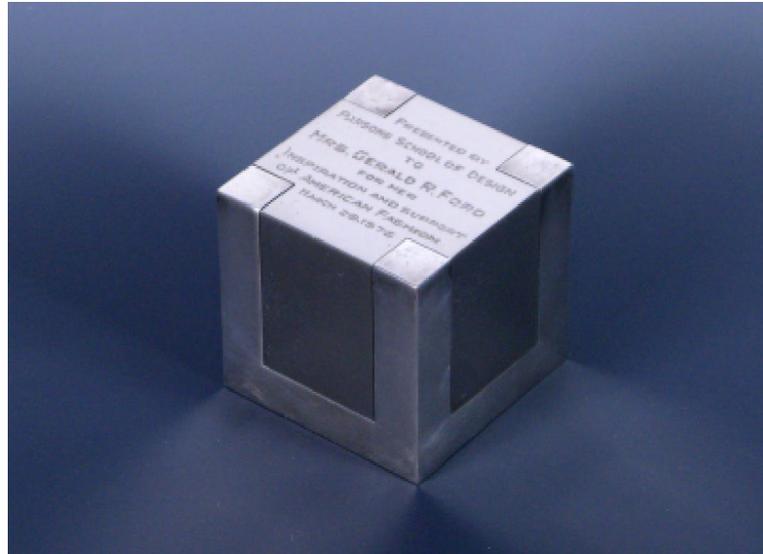
Primary Title:

Description:

Football signed by Washington Redskins to Betty Ford
This game ball was presented to First Lady Betty Ford by the Chaplain of the National Football League after a Monday night Football game in September of 1975. The inscription is in white print and reads, "Game Ball / Awarded to / Mrs. Betty Ford / From coach George Allen / and Washington Redskins / Washington 30 - Denver 3 / September 30th., 1974 / Monday Night Football". Signatures in black marker cover the ball. Notable signatures include Hall of Famers Deacon Jones, Ken Houston and Charley Taylor.

Credit Line:

Gift of Gerald R. Ford



Primary Title:

Parsons Award

Description:

The silver, cross-shaped trophy presented to Mrs. Ford. (a) The top of the award, cross shaped, made to fit into the base of the award. The inscription is on top that reads, "Present by / Parsons School of Design / To / Mrs. Gerald R. Ford / For Her / Inspiration and Support / of American Fashion / March 29, 1976". (b) The base of the award whose bottom is flat while there are 4 posts in each corner that are 1.5" tall. It was made so part "a" will fit into the base.

Credit Line:

Gift of Gerald R. Ford



Primary Title:

Equal Rights Amendment Kansas City '76 political button

Description:

A white political button featuring a blue elephant holding a red, "ERA" (means Equal Rights Amendment) balloon. The red blanket on the elephant says, "KC / '76," which refers to the Republican National Convention in Kansas City in 1976.

Credit Line:

Donor Unknown



Primary Title:
Description:

International Women's Year pin Betty Ford
A brass colored pin featuring the official logo of International Women's Year, which includes the female-gender symbol on the lower right side, in addition to one red and one white stripe on the upper left side. The pin is on a paper that reads, "U.S. Center for International Women's Year" and was presented to Betty Ford in April of 1974.

Credit Line:

Gift of Miss Ruth Bacon



Primary Title:

Description:

Eagle Dress With Cape

A three piece set by Luis Estevez includes a dress (labeled 'a'), a belt (labeled 'b'), and a cape (labeled 'c'). The cream colored dress features a blue, red, and light brown eagle pattern. The A-line dress features something of a cowl-like neckline in the front, which transitions to a high neck in the back that includes three hook and eye fasteners, one of which is located on the outside of the collar close to the top of the collar, with the remaining two hidden on the inside. The two inside fastening enclosures are located closer to the approximately twenty three and a half inch zipper enclosure. The straight long sleeved dress includes one button and buttonhole enclosure on the outside of each cuff and a ball and socket fastener located on the inside. The dress also features pleats, the three large pleats in the front which appears to be created by a prominent middle knife pleat. The dress includes two belt loops, one of which is an approximately four inches of folded fabric in the front, the other one being a simple loop of black woven thread. The ensemble also includes a collarless blue knit cape that features three large blue buttons and buttonholes toward the top. The top inside of the cape includes a hidden ball and socket fastener. The cape reaches the length of the dress, which appears to be approximately slightly past knee length. The lining of the garment matches the pattern of the dress,

with blue fabric sewn around the arm holes. This ensemble was worn by Betty Ford during her husband's presidency.

Historical Attributions:

Luncheon For Committee For The Preservation Of The White House 3-22-76

Medal of Freedom Ceremony For Arthur Robinstein 4-1-76

President Ford Committee Reception - White House 4-12-76

Truman Library And Truman Residence, Independence, Missouri 5-8-76

Grace Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Saginaw, Michigan; And Return Home 5-16-76

White House Arrival Ceremony For Chancellor And Mrs. Schmidt Of Germany 7-15-76

Credit Line:

Gift of Betty Ford



Primary Title:

Description:

Floral Beige Three Piece Set

A beige Albert Capraro cream colored floral pattern features a jacket (labeled 'a'), a dress (labeled 'b'), and a belt (labeled 'c'). The jacket features two breast pockets that feature light brown button enclosures in the middle of the pocket flaps. The large convertible collared jacket also includes one light brown button on each cuff and a matching cloth belt that is inserted through two loops on either side positioned toward the back of the garment. The convertible collared long sleeved shirtdress features five light brown button enclosures placed on the front of the garment. Each long sleeve features on light brown button enclosure on each cuff. The dress features four pockets: two breast pockets include a light brown button enclosure on each pocket flap, with the remaining two pockets placed on either hip. The matching belt (labeled 'c') features a brass colored square buckle with five notches at the end. This ensemble was worn by Betty Ford during her husband's presidency.

Historical Attributions:

Corpus Christie, Texas. Dptr. Facinto Memorial And Ceremony Beaumont, Texas. Arrival. President Ford Committee Reception 4-21-1976(?); Arrival Ceremony For King Juan Carlos And Queen Sofia Of Spain. 6-2-1976
Departure from Waldorf Astoria (NYC), Great PGA Wives, White House 8-11-1976;

Arrival, Delaware House/ Beauty Shop 2-2,3-1977
Hair Dresser, Dr. Swartz 4-4-1977
Dr. Fitzmoriss 5-24-1977
Return from Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Wilshire with Susan.
6-11-1977
Dr. Cruse, Dr. Wallace 6-23-1977
Martha Graham Studio, NYC 6-11-75
Anti-Defamation League Luncheon, New York City Hilton 6-
11-75
National Assitant Of Braodcasters Bd. Reception 6-18-75
Colonel Blake Farewell Call, 6-11-75
State Luncheon, Rome
Gift of Betty Ford

Credit Line:



Primary Title:

Floral Green Chiffon Gown, Scarf, And Belts

Description:

A floor length pale blue and green floral patterned Luis Estevez chiffon dress features sheer floor length slit sleeves. The scooped neck and back floor length garment also includes a hidden hook and eye fastener, followed by an approximately fifteen inch zipper enclosure. The high waisted dress also includes an identically colored and patterned lining. This garment is also part of a set that consists of a matching transparent scarf, as well as two identical belts which feature two bronze colored studs beneath the buckle, as well as bronze colored tongues. This gown was worn by Betty Ford during her time as First Lady.

Historical Attributions:

State Dinner In Honor Of President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing Of France, White House 5-17-76
State Dinner In Honor Of Prime Minister And Mrs. Fraser Of Australia, White House 7-27-76
Annenberg Dinner In Honor Of Lord Alec Douglas-Home (?) 3-12-77

Credit Line:

Gift of Betty Ford



Primary Title:

Description:

Credit Line:

Albert Capraro Portfolio - Susan Ford

A leather portfolio containing sleeves with sketches, pictures, and notes regarding Susan Ford's fashion by designer Albert Capraro. Swatches of fabric appear throughout, as well.

Gift of Albert Capraro



Primary Title:

Betty Ford's 2006 Gerald R. Ford Distinguished Service Award

Formal Title:

Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service

Description:

This 2006 Gerald R. Ford Distinguished Service Award presented to Betty Ford features a bronze-colored medal containing a likeness of Gerald Ford. The medal suspends from a red, white, and blue ribbon and sits enclosed in a wooden presentation box.

Credit Line:

Gift of Betty Ford



Primary Title:

Woodrow Wilson Award

Description:

An oval glass Woodrow Wilson Award for public service awarded to Betty Ford prominently features the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars logo in the center. Above the logo, slightly wrapped to the top of the shape of the award, reads: "Woodrow Wilson." The text wrapped around the sides of the round shape of the award reads (counterclockwise): "International Center / For Scholars." The award is mounted on a glass base with text that reads: "Betty Ford / Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service / May 8, 2003."

Credit Line:

Gift of Betty Ford



Primary Title:

Gavel and Base - Betty Ford Center

Description:

This brown wooden presentation gavel given to Betty Ford as the Chairman of the Betty Ford Center sits in a red vinyl box lined with a white and yellow silk interior. The Betty Ford Center, co-founded by Betty Ford, opened in 1982 in Rancho Mirage, California, as a drug and alcohol addiction treatment center. The gavel, inscribed in brass at the head, is accompanied by a wooden circular base. A small string contains the gavel within the box. The exterior of the box contains silver trimming and yellow hinges.

Credit Line:

Gift of Betty Ford



Primary Title:

Equal Rights Amendment (ERA YES) button

Formal Title:

ERA YES

Description:

This green political button states "ERA/ YES" in bold, block, white letters.

Credit Line:

Gift of James W. Draper



Primary Title:

Betty Ford Center coin

Description:

Bronze colored metal coin from the Betty Ford Center featuring five stars on the front and the Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Prayer on the back.

Credit Line:

Donor Unknown



Primary Title:

Presidential Medal of Freedom - Betty Ford

Description:

The Presidential Medal of Freedom given to Betty Ford by President George H. W. Bush on November 18, 1991. The medal (a) is housed in a wooden presentation case (b) that bears the presidential seal on the lid.

Historical Attributions:

President George H.W. Bush presented Former First Lady Elizabeth “Betty” Ford with the presidential Medal of Honor on November 18, 1991. It proved the culmination of a career of political activism that first came to light when her husband, Gerald R. Ford, was nominated as President Richard Nixon’s vice-president in 1974. During Ford’s career in congress, Betty resigned herself to being a “dutiful appendage”; when Ford unexpectedly vaulted into the Presidency, a position she neither believed he would or wanted him to attain, Betty used the platform to speak out on issues important to her. The first item in the crosshairs was abortion, which she tackled in an interview with Barbara Walters, claiming, “Well, I’m delighted because I’m glad they have taken abortion out of the backwoods and put it into the hospitals.” This incited public ire, but it was just the beginning for Betty, who would be defined by her publicly controversial stances. Just after her husband’s inauguration, Betty disclosed that she had been diagnosed with breast cancer and had undergone a radical mastectomy. Unexpectedly, this triggered a massive wave of screening

throughout the United States. After her husband's presidency, Ford also went on the record as seeking treatment for mood-altering drug and alcohol addiction. Ford later revealed that she would take as many as twenty-five pills in one day, and had vodka and tonics before and after each meal. Her own rehabilitative experience motivated Betty to make a difference in the lives of women suffering from chemical addictions. To this end, she campaigned for and chaired the Betty Ford Center, a rehabilitation facility specifically dealing with drug addiction. As longtime Chairman of the Board, Betty proved instrumental in expanding its services to include a family therapy program and a women's treatment center. She served as Chairman Emeritus until her death in 2011. It was this career of activism and speaking out for the voiceless that earned Ford the Presidential Medal of Honor in 1991. Her citation in part reads "Her courage and candor have inspired millions of Americans to restore their health, protect their dignity, and shape full lives for themselves..." Ford, when asked about her philanthropic activities, said "When you have so much, it is just human nature that you see the needs of others and you want to help."

Credit Line:

Gift of Betty Ford